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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action, dated September 30, 1996. The amendment is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension and the required fee, making this a timely response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are in the case.

Claims 1-9, 14-15, 17, 19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Wagner et al. or Ryser et al. (A & B).

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